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BARTLETT MAN GETS 12 YEARS IN PRISON IN 2018 HEROIN OVERDOSE DEATH OF CAMPTON TOWNSHIP WOMAN

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44-year-old **Joseph P. Pryor** has agreed to a sentence of 12 years of imprisonment in the Illinois Department of Corrections in exchange for a guilty plea to the offense of drug-induced homicide, Class X felony, in the July 2018 overdose death of Katherine Gehlhaar.

Kane County Judge David P. Kliment accepted the plea.

Kane County Assistant State's Attorney Kelly M. Orland stated in court that on July 5, 2018, Pryor delivered heroin to 30-year-old Katherine A. Gehlhaar. She was found dead in Campton Township home the next morning. An autopsy determined that heroin and fentanyl intoxication contributed to her death.

Pryor previously was convicted of the felony offenses of robbery in Arizona, aggravated battery in Indiana, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance in Kane County and unlawful possession of a controlled substance in Kane County.

In accordance with Illinois law, Pryor must serve at least 75 percent of the sentence. Pryor receives credit for 1,447 days served in the Kane County jail, where he had been held since his arrest in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

The Kane County Sheriff's Office, along with the Kane County Heroin Initiative, conducted the investigation.

ASA Orland said:

"I appreciate the great work of the Kane County Sheriff's Office, especially Det. Ryan Monaghan, for his hard work in investigating this case. The offense of drug-induced homicide continues to be a useful tool in investigating crimes involving drug overdoses and in getting justice for families permanently harmed by the illegal drug trade. It also saves lives by taking heroin dealers off the street."

Joseph P. Pryor: Age 44 (d.o.b. 5-16-1977), of the 2000 block of Westridge Boulevard, Bartlett, Illinois. Case No. 18CF1673.